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Dear Hr. Dornan:

Thank you for your letter of January 19 on penalf of your constituent, concerning the human rights situation in Argentina, and particularly the case of Abraham Bochman.

Although we have been encouraged by continuing improvements in the human rights situation in Argentina, the United States remains concerned about persistent human rights problems such as continuing disappearances and lack of judicial guarantees in cases of persons suspected of subversion.

Concerning the welfare of Abraham Hockman, the Foreign Office's Working Group on Human rights has responded to our Embassy in Buenos Aires's inquiries that the Argentine Government has no record of his detention, nor any information regarding his whereabouts.

The U.S. Congressional interest in this matter has been communicated to the Poreign Office. Our Embassy will continue to seek information on this case and will keep you informed of any further developments.

Sincerely,

Walter L. Cutler Acting Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations	

The Bonorable
Robert K. Dornan,
House of Representatives.

Enclosure:

Correspondence returned.

cc: American Embassy Buenos Aires, Argentina BL